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Dear Ms. Distefano,

I have been contacted by one of my constituents, Tom J. Madsen, concerning the impact that the dredging of Discovery Bay had on his shellfish bed that he has been operating for 30 years. He believes that an Environmental Impact Statement should have been issued prior to dredging, and that not enough sampling and testing was conducted before the Army Corps of Engineers issued the "nationwide" permit for this work. He states that since the dredging, a metallic looking substance has been isolated and it appears it is a toxin. He is extremely concerned about his livelihood and is requesting immediate intervention.

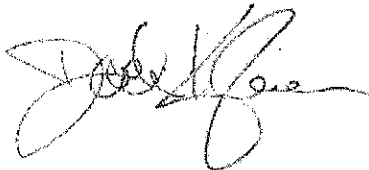
I would be grateful if you could look into this matter for me and provide information that will assist me in addressing the concerns raised by my constituent. I have attached copies of the correspondence I have received, and I would appreciate an objective and prudent review of my constituent's claims and a response which addresses their specific issues.

Please send your response to Stasha Dennard at:

345 6th Street, Suite 500  
Bremerton, WA 98337 or  
[Stasha.Dennard@mail.house.gov](mailto:Stasha.Dennard@mail.house.gov)

Thank you for your time and prompt consideration of this matter. Your assistance in any previous inquiries is also greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress

